



H.Con.Res. 302 – Supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 302 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Kay Granger (R-TX) on February 25, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 302 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 31, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 302 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in order to provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;
- Recognizes and applauds the national and community organizations for their work in promoting awareness about colorectal cancer, providing information on the importance of prevention and early detection through regular screening, and facilitating access to treatment for its sufferers; and
- Urges organizations and health practitioners to 'earn a Blue Star' by using this opportunity to promote awareness about colorectal cancer and to support early identification and removal of pre-cancerous polyps, detectable only through colorectal cancer screenings.

BACKGROUND

According to the National Institutes of Health, Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common form of cancer among men and women in the United States. Over 148,810 people in the United States will be diagnosed with colon cancer this year, and approximately 50,000 people will die from the disease this year. The survival rate among individuals who have colorectal cancer is 90 percent when the disease is detected in it's early stages. Among individuals with colon cancer are diagnosed after the disease has spread have a 10 percent survival rate. 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage.

[National Institutes of Health website](http://www.nih.gov)

STAFF CONTACT

For questions or further information contact Justin Hanson at (202) 226-2302.